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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FY 1975-76 CASP - BAHAMAS

REF: STATE 93755

1. THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS NATIONAL DEFENSE ISSUE, PARA 4
REFTEL. OTHER ISSUES DEALT WITH IN SEPTTEL.

2. EMBASSY HAS REPORTED RECENT INDICATIONS BY MINEXTAFF
ADDERLEY THAT GCOB INTENDS TO MEET JUNE 30 TARGET DATE FOR
CONCLUSION OF DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT ON FACILITIES. EMBASSY
HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT TARGET DATE WILL NOT BE MET,
ALTHOUGH THIS MAY DEPEND ON DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY, IF ANY, WE
ENCOUNTER IN DEVELOPING OUR OWN REACTION TO FORTHCOMING GCOB
PROPOSALS WHICH APPEAR TO BE TENDING IN DIRECTION OF ASKING
FOR RATHER BROAD USG ASSISTANCE IN CULTURAL, TECHNICAL AND
ECONOMIC AREAS.

3. EMBASSY ASSIGNED LEVELS OF CONCERN ON NATIONAL DEFENSE
ISSUE ON BASIS OF DEFINITION APPEARING IN STATEMENT OF ISSUES,
VIZ. "HOW TO ENSURE THAT BAHAMIAN WILLINGNESS TO TAKE
LEGITIMATE U.S. DEFENSE INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT IS MAINTAINED."
WHILE CONCLUSION OF DEFINITIVE FACILITIES AGREEMENT
HAS OBVIOUS BEARING ON THIS GENERAL ISSUE, ISSUE IS
BROADER THAN SIGNING A PARTICULAR AGREEMENT ON A PARTICULAR
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DATE. EMBASSY CONCLUSION ON GENERAL ISSUE WAS THAT

"BAHAMIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. ARE
POSITIVE AND WILL REMAIN SO FOR THE PLANNING PERIOD".
IF WE ENTER FY 75 HOWEVER, WITHOUT A DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT
SIGNED, LEVEL OF ATTENTION DEVOTED TO ISSUE MAY RISE
SLIGHTLY. FOR THESE REASONS, FY 75 LOC WAS RATED LOW AND
THAT FOR FY 76 NONE. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO RATING
LOC FOR BOTH YEARS LOW.
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